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Judge Blocks Author In Move to Aid Shaw

NEW ORLEANS, La. (UPI)—
Edward A. Haggerty Jr.,
attacked Saturday evening
author James Phelan from
providing defense testimony
in Clay L. Shaw's trial
of conspiring to assassinate
President John Kennedy.

The attorneys wanted
Phelan to be permitted to
testify in a pre-trial deposition.
Atty. Jim Garrison's
case against Shaw had
prompted and prodded
while under drugs and hypnosis
to ~~testify~~ Shaw with accused pres-
~~assassin~~ assassin Lee Harvey
Oswald.

The witness, Perry Raymond
Brown, 25, of Baton Rouge,
La., testified at a 4-day hearing
in March that he attended
a party in mid-September 1963
at which he allegedly heard
Shaw, Oswald and the late Dr.
David W. Ferrie discussing ways
to go about assassinating Kennedy.

Garrison's office has denied
Phelan's claims and has asked
Phelan to repeat them before
the New Orleans grand jury.
Garrison's office did not want
Phelan to give testimony on be-
half of Shaw unless he first
swore before the grand jury.

Phelan's motion "isn't even close under
Louisiana statutes."

In another development, the
New Orleans grand jury has
subpoenaed for May 10 a black
salesman who told the FBI that
Lee Harvey Oswald may have
been in New Orleans and not
Dallas two weeks before Kennedy
was assassinated.

The Warren Commission said
Oswald left New Orleans Sept.
23, 1963 never to return, but
Oscar W. Desatoff said a man
calling himself "Oswald" friend
trucks "couple of weeks" before
the Nov. 22, 1963 assassination.

Attorney G. Wray Gill, speak-
ing for Desatoff, said Desatoff
attached no importance to the
questions the man and a long-
swarthy companion asked on
behalf of the "Friends of Cuba";
until after the assassination
and the man's disappearance.

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